

## WIDE PROVISIONS

In the Dingley Bill are the spots most violently attacked.

Robert P. Porter in Philadelphia Inquirer: It has been frequently suggested in these letters that if you only keep your eyes on the spots in the Dingley bill most violently attacked by the free traders, the wisdom of the measure will become more apparent. First, there was the howl because Mr. Dingley put 100 per cent duty on one cent and a half pocket knives. Then we had the innumerable tabulated statements in which all sorts of possible losses to the tariff were figured in to send the ad valorem up. That is, articles so cheap and nasty that the less we have to do with them the better.

Note the next two latest points of attack:

Tooth brushes and Chinese matting. I happen to know something about Japanese tooth and nail brushes, for when in Osaka, I visited the places where they make them, obtained samples and prices, all of which are at the disposal of my esteemed free trade friends who are making so much ado about the specific duties on brushes for the hair, nails and teeth. This is a wise provision, and will have the double effect of protecting our brush trade and keeping out worthless brushes. I have samples of tooth brushes that can be bought in Japan at less than \$1.50 per gross; but brushes that cost \$2.50 per gross and nail brushes that cost \$5.00 per gross. Now a specific duty may go hard on such trash as this, but free traders, who presumably clean their teeth with regularity, should rejoice over, rather than discourage, this legislation. These brushes cost at retail here about 10 cents a dozen, or 1 cent each, and I have no doubt there are instances where we are made to pay twenty-five cents for trumpery tooth brushes that cost but one or two cents in Japan. If by keeping such things out we can encourage the manufacture of good brushes at home, so that the price will range about the same. Will any one tell me what extent the consumer of tooth brushes, or of nail brushes, or of hair brushes has been benefited by the importation of one cent brushes from the Orient? If tooth brushes sold at two cents apiece, the reason for their being so cheap, and I might be reason for complaint. Then the duty which the free trader delights to add to the imported article, might, according to their method, bring the price up to three cents apiece. We could stand that for a tooth brush if the brushes did not all come out of Japan. It is not so pleasant, however, to pay five hundred or fifteen hundred per cent profit with the same results. Even England got scared about this cheap tooth brush business and parliament has been asked to prohibit—mark you, prohibit—the importation of cheap tooth brushes from the peninsula of Austria, which is destroying the reputation and business of the English brushmakers. Why encourage the manufacture of articles which destroy honest business and degrade your labor to that of nations who live on one-twelfth of what it costs the American worker?

The Chinese matting. In the parts of Japan where this is made, the public schools have been depleted and thousands of children employed at three and five cents per day to make this for the American market. When it first came in it was made from the hair of the Chinese, and it is now made of a large part of linen thread which is rightly taxable. Both the matting schedule and the brush schedule should remain as Mr. Dingley has provided.

## A BIT OF HISTORY

The Last Bugle Command Before Lee's Surrender.

The bugler who blew the last "charge" of the civil war lives in Maryland. He talks interestingly of that final rush at Appomattox and the truce that speedily followed. His hardened lips sounded the inspiring cavalry command that practically ended the bloody conflicts of four years and resulted in ultimate peace and the perpetuity of the Union.

When the war broke out Nathaniel Sisson enlisted in the Second West Virginia Cavalry. He rode with the cavalry that gallant regiment through many a perilous struggle, and the year 1865 found him under Custer's command, in that part of the field where hostilities were formally ended.

"We had been pursuing Lee's retreating army all day on the 8th of April, 1865," says Mr. Sisson, to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat correspondent. "On that day we had captured a train of cars bearing supplies for Lee, and sent out from Richmond. We also made quick work of a belated wagon train, and fired after so vigorous a chase that the enemy fled in confusion."

"After lying on our guns all night, we were called early, and before daylight were in the saddle, ready for the events of the most glorious day of the war. The trouble began at an early hour. We advanced and met the enemy's skirmish line, breaking them in the flank. In a short time we were advancing, apparently on Lee's wagon train, but instead, we soon found ourselves headed through Lee's army. Then the last bugle command of a hostile nature was blown, and we were charging at them."

"We rode on two, of General Gordon's aides rode out. They carried a flag of truce. That practically ended the war."

This historic flag of truce, mentioned by Mr. Sisson, was the dirty towel so humorously referred to by General Gordon in his letter on "The Last Days of the Confederacy." The towel, though soiled as badly as the drying apparatus in a country printing office, was so much cleaner than any of the apparel worn by the march-stained men, that it seemed white in comparison. The display of so dirty a towel at the signal of truce for the north, and a silent declaration that the country was reunited.

"A federal officer rode out to meet the truce-bearers," continued Mr. Sisson. "Meanwhile Custer rode at the head of his charging column, entirely ignorant of the promised truce. The aides spurred their horses and overtook Custer, who ordered the column to halt. The moving line stopped and the dashing Custer rode back to General Gordon's headquarters."

"While terms of surrender were being discussed a squad of Confederate cavalry dashed into the front of the Union ranks. Gordon hastened to send them command to cease hostilities, but found himself without an aide. He dispatched a willing federal soldier, who bore Gordon's order to end attack. This was the last order sent from the Confederate direction of the front and it was executed by a soldier from the opposing ranks."

"Custer came back from Gordon's tent alone. As he passed we heard him tell General Kephart, uncovering his head in the while, that General Lee was treating for capitulation. The aide who heard it set up a cheer. It was carried down the line and across the valleys, until the very hills shook with the shouts of joy from the throats of thousands of the boys in blue, who realized that the war was over."

But Mr. Sisson does not claim that he blew the last order of the war, but his regimental historian gives him the credit for it, and facts bear out the statement. The bugler who sounded the final charge before Lee's surrender is a well-to-do citizen, and was formerly a partner of ex-Governor Montross in the real estate and loan business.

Twins Hermit.

Knoxville dispatch in Philadelphia Record: One of the famous "Twin Hermits," Miss Marie Grove, died at her home about fifteen miles north of this place, Tuesday.

Miss Grove and her twin sister, aged ninety years, lived as hermits for seventy-five years in the mountains in a house built by their father about one hundred and fifty years ago.

They were noted characters and rather eccentric. They have kept alive a fire

In a grate which was started by their father one hundred years ago, never permitting the flames to become dull. Neither of the women ever saw a railroad train or a steam-boat, and they have not ventured more than a mile from their home for nearly seventy years.

## A Newspaper Remind.

Fairmont Index: It is reported that a party of local Republicans consisting of Hon. John W. Mason, Charles W. Swisher, Captain W. W. Scott, Attorney Harry Shaw, Colonel Wilbur H. Brand and perhaps others are negotiating for the purchase of the West Virginian. If we are correctly informed, Brother Powell has quoted them a very liberal price, and if these gentlemen are really in earnest the deal may be a go. It is understood that if the Virginian is bought, and publication of it will be suspended.

## Non-Sectarian School Bill.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 7.—The house of representatives to-day by a vote of 63 to 26, passed a bill prohibiting sectarian instruction or wearing of sectarian garb in the public schools and providing for fine and imprisonment for violation of the act.

## FINANCE AND TRADE

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Money on call easy at 1 1/2 per cent; last loan 1 1/2 per cent; closed offered at 1 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bill at \$4.87 for demand and \$4.85 for sixty days; posted rates \$4.86 1/2 for \$800,000, \$4.85 1/2 for \$1,000,000, \$4.84 1/2 for \$2,000,000, \$4.83 1/2 for \$3,000,000, \$4.82 1/2 for \$4,000,000, \$4.81 1/2 for \$5,000,000, \$4.80 1/2 for \$6,000,000, \$4.79 1/2 for \$7,000,000, \$4.78 1/2 for \$8,000,000, \$4.77 1/2 for \$9,000,000, \$4.76 1/2 for \$10,000,000. Silver certificates 6 1/2 per cent. Bar silver 61 1/2. Mexican dollars 48 1/2.

There were times to-day when the trading on the stock exchange was absolutely stagnant. The transactions were almost wholly lacking in interest, the volume being small and the fluctuations narrow. The total sales for the day numbered only a few thousand shares over 100,000 and nearly half of these were of sugar. Sales of all other foreign stocks aggregated only about 15,000 shares and the coals only about as many more, of which 10,000 were of New Jersey Central. Speculation in railroad shares has practically come to a standstill after the recent flurry due to the trans-Missouri decision and the fear of its effects. These fears seem to have abated in large part, but prices have not recovered to the normal level and there is no demand manifest to carry values upward. Prices held fairly firm to-day, however, in spite of the dullness. The application for a rehearing of the trans-Missouri case had a strengthening effect, though it was not taken very seriously into account. The individual market, practically monopolized by the attention on the floor of the exchange in the long intervals, and was actively manipulated all day. It jumped 1 1/2 per cent to 112 1/2 on traders' estimates of the profits likely to accrue to the company on importations of raw sugars before the new tariff goes into effect. The stock subsequently lost a small fraction. Local gas securities were all favorably affected by the passage through the senate at Albany of the committee's bill for progressive reduction of the price of gas, which was understood to have the gas companies approval. Under the impetus of this news Brooklyn Union advanced 2 1/2 per cent to 102 1/2. The subsequent decline would be necessary. The coal gas securities were all favorably affected by the passage through the senate at Albany of the committee's bill for progressive reduction of the price of gas, which was understood to have the gas companies approval. Under the impetus of this news Brooklyn Union advanced 2 1/2 per cent to 102 1/2. The subsequent decline would be necessary.

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# Pillsbury's

## New Health Flour...

### GERMOS

Germos flour is manufactured after a special process known only to ourselves, and is guaranteed by the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mfg. Co. It contains a wealth of phosphates, over four times as much as ordinary flour, and is therefore a great brain nourisher.

As a strength-giver it is twice as good. It embodies all the nourishment of wheat, and that is all that is necessary to anybody. It contains all the malt extract and pepsin of the wheat germ, and therefore is very easily digested.

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